

Genuine media competition needed!

About Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast mediaownership rules.

Simply because of its existing goals to promote competition and diversity in today's media, I believe the FCC should keep the media ownership rules intact.

The analyses carried out by the FCC seem to have ignored the negative effects that deregulation and consolidation have already had. Yes, there are more sources of information than formerly, but the range of views presented are now more limited.

Carrying on informed debate and discussing current events with one another is a founding principle of our country. Further mergers of media outlets impairs the vitality engendered by discussion in which a wide range of viewpoints are heard.

With the impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, the Commission must carefully review these issues thoroughly and allow the American people to be truly represented. The media, after all, is our national conversation!

Thank you,

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